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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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NOVEMBER 3, 2009 Vote-by-Mail Election

The City's General Municipal Election will be a vote-by-mail election. The City's plan includes seven drop-off centers throughout the City, allowing voters the option to vote in person, and pre-paid postage for returned ballots.

Voters will cast their vote for Mayor and three City Councilmember seats. Voters will also decide on the following four ballot measures:

Measure B-2009 - Building Heights - Shall the City Charter be revised by amending Charter Section 1506 to reduce the maximum allowed building height within the City to forty-five (45) feet generally and forty (40) feet within the El Pueblo Viejo district except for those areas of the City zoned for single-family and two-family homes where the maximum building height will remain at thirty (30) feet?

Measure C-2009 - Parks & Recreation Commission - Shall the City Charter be revised by amending Charter Section 809 and Charter Section 810 to combine the Board of Park Commissioners with the Recreation Commission to form a new commission called the "Parks and Recreation Commission" and to allow the City Council to appoint a youth member of the new Parks and Recreation Commission?

Measure D-2009 - Board of Harbor Commissioners - Shall the City Charter be revised by amending Charter Section 811 to increase the number of Harbor Commissioners from five (5) to seven (7) members and to allow one member of the Commission to be a registered voter within Santa Barbara County and not necessarily just within the City of Santa Barbara as currently required?

Measure E-2009 - Architectural Board of Review - Shall the City Charter be revised by amending Charter Section 814 to reduce the number of Members on the Architectural Board of Review (the "ABR") from nine (9) to seven (7) members and to allow the City Council to appoint up to three (3) ABR members from persons registered to vote within Santa Barbara County and not necessarily just within the City of Santa Barbara as currently required?

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Martes 3 de Noviembre del 2009 Elección de Voto-Por-Correo

La elección municipal general de la Ciudad será una elección de voto-por-correo .El plan de la ciudad incluye siete centros de colección de votos en toda la ciudad, donde los votantes pueden ir a dejar su voto personalmente. El plan también incluye sobres con sello pagado para el retorno de las balotas de voto.

Los votantes votarán por un puesto de Alcalde/za y por tres puestos de Concejales Municipales. Los votantes también decidirán las siguientes cuatro medidas:

Medida B-2009 - Altura de los Edificios - ¿Debería revisarse la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad mediante una enmienda a la Sección 1506 de la misma? Esto, con el fin de reducir la altura máxima permitida de los edificios dentro de la Ciudad a cuarenta y cinco (45) pies en lo general, y a cuarenta (40) pies dentro del distrito de "El Pueblo Viejo", con excepción de las zonas de la Ciudad designadas para viviendas unifamiliares y para casas de dos viviendas adosadas o dúplex, donde la altura máxima de los edificios seguirá siendo de treinta (30) pies.

Medida C-2009 - Comisión para los Parques y la Recreación - ¿Debería revisarse la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad mediante una enmienda a las Secciones

809 y 810 de la misma? Esto, con el fin de combinar la Junta de Comisionados para los Parques con la Comisión para la Recreación y formar una nueva comisión que se designará como la "Comisión para los Parques y la Recreación", y para permitir que el Concejo Municipal nombre un miembro joven a la nueva Comisión para los Parques y la Recreación.

Medida D-2009 - Junta de Comisionados para el Puerto - ¿Debería revisarse la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad mediante una enmienda a la Sección 811 de la misma? Esto, con el fin de aumentar el número de Comisionados para el Puerto de cinco (5) a siete (7) miembros, y para permitir que un miembro de la Comisión sea un elector inscrito dentro del Condado de Santa Bárbara, y no necesariamente sólo en la Ciudad de Santa Bárbara como se requiere actualmente.

Medida E-2009 - Junta de Revisión Arquitectónica - ¿Debería revisarse la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad mediante una enmienda a la Sección 814 de la misma? Esto, con el fin de reducir el número de Miembros de la Junta de Revisión Arquitectónica (la ABR, siglas en inglés) de nueve (9) a siete (7) miembros, y para permitir que el Concejo Municipal nombre hasta tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Revisión Arquitectónica de las personas inscritas para votar dentro del Condado de Santa Bárbara, y no necesariamente sólo en la Ciudad de Santa Bárbara como se requiere actualmente.

Save Money, Save Water, and Get a Rebate!

• **REBATES AVAILABLE** on high-efficiency toilets & clothes washers, smart irrigation controllers, water-wise landscaping and more

• **RECEIVE A FREE WATER CHECK-UP** for your home or business

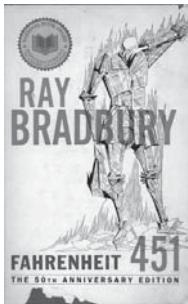
• **TAKE THE 20 GALLON CHALLENGE**

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VISIT www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water, or CALL 564-5460.

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Water Conservation Program



Santa Barbara is Reading: FAHRENHEIT 451



The freshman classes at Santa Barbara High School are reading Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel about a future society, where people distract themselves with mindless entertainment and barely relate to one another, where conversation is a lost art, where books are illegal, houses are fireproof, and firemen burn any books that are found hidden. There are a few holdouts, however, who resist the government suppression and keep literature alive for the future. A lot of other classes at the high schools, colleges and even junior highs are reading the book this month, too. People who read it years ago are finding it to be a strangely prescient book that bears re-reading. Copies are available at the local libraries in many formats including audio, large print, graphic novel, film and in Spanish.

Some of the *free* highlight events in this month-long program are:

- RAY BRADBURY appearance - Oct. 11 at the Lobero Theatre at 3 PM
- Artist Tim Hamilton speaks about creating the new graphic novel based on the book - Oct. 22 in the Faulkner Gallery at 7 PM



For a complete list of events, including book discussions and screenings of Bradbury related films, go online to www.sbplibrary.org/sbreads or ask at your nearest branch library. There are book discussions at several libraries. This Santa Barbara Reads community reading program is supported by a Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.



FREE WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE AT THE AIRLINE TERMINAL

In response to numerous passenger requests

SANTA BARBARA, CA – The Santa Barbara Airport has added free Wi-Fi high speed internet access as an amenity for travelers at the Airline Terminal. Installation of the "no-cost to user" service was based on numerous requests from frequent flyers who wish to conduct business at the Airport in the most cost-effective and convenient manner possible. Wi-Fi was available at the Airport for the past several years for a fee. Now Santa Barbara passengers have easy access to the web for free using their laptops and hand-held devices in the Airline Terminal lobbies, security holdrooms or lawn areas while waiting to board flights.

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Say "Good Bye" to Overhead Utility Wires and Poles on Cliff Drive!

Construction to underground existing overhead utilities on Cliff Drive began in mid-September and is expected to last approximately eighteen months. The Cliff Drive Underground Utility District No. 10 Project is a joint effort by Southern California Edison (SCE), Verizon, Cox Communications and the City of Santa Barbara. The project is located on Cliff Drive between Salida Del Sol and Mesa Lane, including surrounding streets.

Construction will include placing all overhead wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar services underground, and removing the existing overhead wires and wooden utility poles. New city street lighting will be installed along the project corridor.



A rendition of the completed project with overhead utilities removed.

Are You Prepared for Possible Floods?

Due to recent fires that burned in the areas above the City, heavy rains may result in flooding or mudslides. The public is invited to attend one of several informational meetings scheduled through December to plan for heavy rains and possible flooding conditions this winter. At the information meetings, residents will learn how local agencies are preparing for a flood emergency and how to protect their property.

Information meetings will be held at 6 PM on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 15th, Rockwood Woman's Club, 670 Mission Canyon Road;
- Wednesday, October 28th, American Red Cross, 2707 State Street;
- Thursday, November 12th, Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito St.;
- Thursday, November 19th, Franklin School Auditorium, 1111 East Mason St.;
 (Spanish translation available at this meeting)
- Thursday, December 10th, Downtown Library Faulkner Gallery, 40 East Anapamu St.

For more information, visit the City's website at: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/OES.